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Today's Topics:

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1993 02:25:02 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcom.com!pineapp@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: ARRL Mailinf list
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Did you know that if you don't notified ARRL , if you are a member, that
you want to be removed from thier mailing list. They will sell your name
to all the vendors?

I discovered this from a phone called to ARRL. I was presented a gift
from my in-laws that they had sent for a membership to ARRL , QST magazine.
But had forgotten to give ARRL my call letter. As I was speaking to the

Any help appreciated.

73 de Harry. N1QVE
white@csusys.ctstateu.edu

Date: 28 Dec 1993 14:03:49 -0700
From: yeshua.marcam.com!zip.eecs.umich.edu!umn.edu!lynx.unm.edu!carina.unm.edu!
news-user@uunet.uu.net
Subject: K8CC logging program
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Someone told me about a neat logging program by K8CC (not as messy as the
Swisslog and yet as good). Where can I order it and for how much?

Please reply to me directly.

Laurent
f5jtl@carina.unm.edu

Date: 28 Dec 93 20:26:49 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Missing 13-year old ham
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

You have probably already seen on this Digest:

> NATHAN TAYLOR, WZ1W (MISSING CHILD) UPDATE
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> Even though two federal agencies are now involved in the hunt,
> there are still no leads to the whereabouts of Nathan Taylor,
> WZ1W. Nathan is the thirteen year old ham from Gardner
> Massachusetts who ran away from home last August 27th. ...[etc.]

Does anyone have a scanned picture that can be posted as a GIF or JPG file?

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Bob West W8YCD Internet: rlwest@dseg.ti.com
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Date: 28 Dec 93 22:43:06 GMT

From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!
slc6!trier@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: need comments on MFJ antennas and accessories
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm somewhat unhappy with my MFJ 2m telescoping halfwave. While it works and is definitely an improvement over the radio's rubber duck, a friend's AEA hotrod looks better made. The SWR on the MFJ is 3:1 and worse, so I'm not too happy with that, either. I haven't had a chance to test the AEA's SWR.

Stephen

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Stephen Trier KB8PWA "The light at the end of the tunnel
Work: trier@ins.cwru.edu may be an oncoming dragon"
Home: sct@po.cwru.edu - Unknown

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 19:35:14 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!
news.moneng.mei.com!uwm.edu!caen!nic.umass.edu!noc.near.net!gateway-gw!newshost!
wpns@network.ucsd.edu
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ah301@yfn.ysu.edu (Jerry Sy) writes:

>Also, is the MFJ J Pocket Rollup antenna any good (\$15)?

No. It was a pretty cheaply built twin-lead j-pole (a real garage shop operation IMHO) with heat-shrink tubing and such. The VSWR was all over the map when you got your hand near the feedline, so we sent it back.

>how about telescopic antennas for HT (MFJ-1714, \$17) ? how does this
>compare to the AEA hot rod (\$25) ?

I've been really happy with the Hot Rod.

I'll never buy another piece of MFJ gear, but to their credit they took it back without batting an eye. From what I can gather, you can build all of the MFJ stuff in your basement at least as well as they can build it in thiers, but then that's true of a lot of commercially available ham equipment. Don't get me started, or I'll tell you about my Fun With Wyman... 8*{

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Willie Smith wpns@pictel.com N1JBJ@amsat.org
She's writing a formal letter of complaint to the Internet Administration!

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 16:02:57 -0700
From: orca.es.com!cnn.sim.es.com!msanders.sim.es.com!user@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Need TS 440 and TU 8 information
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <9312272314.aa02265@paris.ics.uci.edu>,
turner@safety.ICS.UCI.EDU (Clark Savage Turner WA3JPG) wrote:

> Hello All:
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> I have the Kenwood TS 440 and have picked up the TU 8 tone encoder
> (I believe it is the TU 8, it is not marked, but I picked it up from
> a former TS 440 owner who said he used it in his radio).
>
> 2. How to activate (where to place the unit). I had heard once (on the
> air) that the PL is not activated unless the TS 440 was operating from the
> split memories. Is this true?

> Clark
>

I just happen to have the basic TS-440 manual here at my desk. Had
borrowed it from the club ham shack. It doesn't have the TU-8 settings but
does answer one question:

"An optional subaudible tone unit TU-8 is available for installation in the
TS-440S for accessing 10 meter FM repeaters. This tone is activated
whenever the TS-440S is in the SPLIT mode"

"SPLIT switch:
Allows the use of one VFO for transmit, and the other for receive (Split
Frequency operation). For example: VFO A is the active VFO, and VFO B is
the inactive VFO. Depressing the SPLIT switch will cause the TS-440S to
receive on VFO A and transmit on VFO B. The mode of reception and
transmission will follow the mode contained in the appropriate VFO memory.
It is possible to work cross band, cross mode if desired."

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Opinions, thoughts, &cetera are my own (when I can remember them).

"He flies the sky
Like an Eagle in the eye
of a hurricane that's abandoned."
KB7MSF
UTAH

America

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 22:32:02 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcom.com!tweek@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Paul Harvey corrects his story about HAMS.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Yesterday I wrote about Paul Harvey using the word "Hams" to refer to a group of people in England who responded to a police radio transmission of martians landing.

Today Paul Harvey did mention his little goof yesterday, and did correct his story. He mentioned that the word "Hams" when used in reference to amateur radio is commonly believed to mean Licensed Shortwave Radio Operators (close) and that a license is NOT needed to listen to shortwave.

He mentioned the work Amateurs have done in the wake of floods, earthquakes and fires.

Oh, and he mentioned that the source for his story was Reuters (as on email respondent to me suggested.) Now the question... why did reuters just NOW pick up on this story... I read about it last month in Monitoring Times... and they have a three month lead time.

Thank you Paul Harvey, for correcting your story.

Mike
N6QYA

Date: 28 Dec 93 09:43:04 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Repeater database?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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> Mike Blackwell -- ke3ig -- mkb@cs.cmu.edu

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"National Repeater Coordinators Database. Contact Jay Maybey,
Regulatory Information Branch, at ARRL HQ, for
assistance with the NRDB."

Looks promising.

Joe - AA3GN (landisj@drager.com)

Date: 28 Dec 1993 18:13:17 -0500
From: qualcomm.com!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!news.intercon.com!
panix!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Repeater database?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <00977B186CA20CA0.24E0CB04@drager.com>,
Joe Landis - Systems/Network Mgr. - x2621 <landisj@drager.com> wrote:

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The NRDB is a service for frequency coordinators use, only. It is
designed to facilitate communication between coordination groups, and for
providing data for publication in the ARRL Repeater Directory.

Perhaps in the future there will be a national database made available in
non-printed form, but that will require formal agreement among the
coordination councils which provide the data.

Publication of repeater data is a sensitive issue for many repeater
trustees. Many wish their repeaters to be "secret" -- non-published.

Others feel it's OK to be listed in the ARRL Repeater Directory, but not elsewhere.

I can't speak for other councils, but for TSARC there will have to be a formal policy adopted -- perhaps even a constitutional amendment (I have to double check).

Anyone in the TSARC region interested in this issue, either way, please! Get involved!

73, Andy

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----- Andrew Funk, KB7UV -----
|      President, Tri-State Amateur Repeater Council  (TSARC)      |
|  ENG Editor/Microwave Control, WCBS-TV Channel 2 News, New York  |
|  Internet: kb7uv@panix.com      Packet: kb7uv@kb7uv.#nli.ny.usa  |
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Date: 28 Dec 93 12:52:21 EDT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!mercury.wright.edu!
desire.wright.edu!matrix.cs.wright.edu!isoper@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: UK scanner listeners arrested; called "hams"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <757051014snx@llondel.demon.co.uk>, dave@llondel.demon.co.uk (David Hough) writes:

> In article <CIpCrE.2xr@world.std.com> slm@world.std.com (slm) writes:

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>>I read the following "Guardian" report, via Reuters news service, and was rather
>>irked. I would imagine that all the folks involved in this were
>>NOT necessarily ham-radio operators :-(

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>>And I'm no expert on British law, but it seems rather unfortunate
>>to arrest someone because they wanted to drive someplace and see
>>something, if they were looking from a distance and not interfering
>>with police activities.

>>

> [article deleted]

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> Under English law (and probably Scottish as well - the two are not always
> the same) the only things you can listen to radio-wise without a licence of
> some sort are broadcast > standard frequency service.

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> Note that I don't agree with the law, but the British Government has always
> been a bit paranoid about what its citizens can listen to!

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The way things are going in the US we are not too far behind. Taking in consideration the Scanner Laws and now the US DOT ban on RADAR detectors for commerical vehicles.

This ploy would sound like something for an agency to do that would provide good arrest stats. Sort of like the old speed trap ploy, a great money maker too.

73 Wes WB8CEH

Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1993 01:51:53 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!news.cac.psu.edu!
ems.psu.edu!aaron!jmr@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: wanted: morse tutor for apple II
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <931225.43569.MOLEMAN@delphi.com> MOLEMAN@delphi.com writes:

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>If yu have a IIGs, there is a nifty program called "QSO Kid" available on
>services like GENie.

I can't find this using archie. Does anyone know where I can FTP it from?

Thanks - Joe, AF2J

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Joe Reinhardt, jmr@ruth.ece.psu.edu
Department of Electrical Engineering
The Pennsylvania State University

Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1993 05:25:17 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!emory!kd4nc!
n4tii@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Where are all the young enthusiasts?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

msattler@netcom.com (Michael Sattler) writes:

>Larry Kollar (lkollar@nyx10.cs.du.edu) wrote:

>: threatening the establishment is exactly what LARC (and most clubs, to

>: tell the truth) need. Ham radio is in a rut. And from what I've heard
>: from others, LARC is actually one of the better clubs around. Makes me
>: wonder what the bad ones are like.

>: OK, how about you & me & Richard (and anyone else you can think of) get
>: together at a BBQ joint and talk about what can be done. I've been
>: hinting for a long time that LARC needs some competition -- I'm done
>: with just dropping hints. You're not the only one disenchanted -- how
>: many times have I been to a meeting this year? There are others.

>Hey! Can someone from San Francisco attend the threat-in? The SFARC
>is in a similar rut and I'd sure like to push more there with the warm
>fuzzies that havin unindicted coconspirators in LaLa land would bring.

>: --
>: Larry Kollar, KC4WZK | I like CW, but that doesn't mean I think every ham
>: lkollar@nyx.cs.du.edu | should have to learn it.
>: "On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."
>--

The problem, Larry, is that you won't really attract a club unless you have
a local 2 meter repeater...that's the way the mentality is in this area. I
don't have the funds to start a new repeater, nor do I have the site for one.
If I could put one up locally, ie on the square, it'd be nice...but I don't
know anyone....furthermore, when LARC (lanierland, not the gay club) found
about it...they'd probably be calling my house...

Oh well...

John

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>Michael S. Sattler (KE6DZF) msattler@netcom.com +1 (415) 621-2903
>Digital Jungle Software Encrypt now; ask me how. Finger for PGP key.
> Geek = GCSy+n+f+g+t+d--p--c++u+e+m++s++/rhw!l
> All that is required for evil to triumph is
> for {wo}men of good will to do nothing.

Date: 28 Dec 1993 15:16 PST
From: agate!library.ucla.edu!news.mic.ucla.edu!unixg.ubc.ca!erich.triumf.ca!
bennett@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <sohn-221293082259@17.255.8.71>, <22DEC199310121463@erich.triumf.ca>,
<1993Dec28.192017.8861@newshost.pictel.com>
Subject : Re: what frequencies are marine band?

In article <1993Dec28.192017.8861@newshost.pictel.com>, wpns@newshost.pictel.com (Willie Smith) writes...

>bennett@erich.triumf.ca (P.Bennett) writes:

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>>There are no repeaters (as hams know them) in the marine service . If you

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>Are there no repeaters allowed, or are there just no repeaters? I can

>think of a few islands that use VHF marine almost exclusively that

>could use the increased coverage that would be made available by a

>repeater on one of the duplex channels...

>

Well, I guess the questions here are: would the appropriate regulatory authority issue a station licence for a marine repeater, and, who would want to install such a thing - where would funding come from, etc??? I expect that the Coast Guard and Telco would not be interested - perhaps a large yacht club might be interested.

Peter Bennett VE7CEI	Vessels shall be deemed to be in sight
Internet: bennett@erich.triumf.ca	of one another only when one can be
Bitnet: bennett@triumfer	observed visually from the other
TRIUMF, Vancouver, B.C., Canada	ColRegs 3(k)

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 19:20:17 GMT

From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!math.ohio-state.edu!caen!
nic.umass.edu!noc.near.net!gateway-gw!newshost!wpns@network.ucsd.edu

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <LINNIG.93Dec21134704@m2000.dseg.ti.com>,

<sohn-221293082259@17.255.8.71>, <22DEC199310121463@erich.triumf.ca>ar

Subject : Re: what frequencies are marine band?

bennett@erich.triumf.ca (P.Bennett) writes:

>There are no repeaters (as hams know them) in the marine service . If you

>are willing to pay for a phone call, the telco might let you place a call

>to another vessel on the same (or different) channel, and so get the effect

>of a repeater.

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Willie Smith wpns@pictel.com N1JBJ@amsat.org
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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1993 03:19:40 GMT
From: swrinde!emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2fkooa\$hr@gerald.cc.utexas.edu>,
<1993Dec27.150035.10400@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, <37698@ksr.com>
Reply-To : gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman)
Subject : Re: cw waivers

In article <37698@ksr.com> jfw@ksr.com (John F. Woods) writes:
>gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:
>>According to the Newsline article, RTTY, AMTOR, and *other non-CW
>>digital protocols* all count toward the award. That opens the possibility
>>for totally automated stations to achieve DXCC in a short time.
>
>Oh boy. I've always looked forward to the day when machines could enjoy my
>hobbies for me, thus freeing me to ... uh ...

That's the sad thing isn't it? If competing for score by hand is
superceded, you can't think of anything interesting to do with
amateur radio, like maybe actually exchanging ideas with another
person over the air, or playing with a new technology.

But rejoice Type A, they aren't abolishing the CW Honor Roll, just
adding a new category. Unless you can't stand not having *every* award,
you can ignore the machine scores and be content competing in your sub-
category. Like an antique car racer, you can't compete with the real race
cars, but you can still show off to your sub-culture.

Gary

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Gary Coffman KE4ZV		You make it,		gatech!wa4mei!ke4zv!gary
Destructive Testing Systems		we break it.		uunet!rsiatl!ke4zv!gary
534 Shannon Way		Guaranteed!		emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary
Lawrenceville, GA 30244				

Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1993 15:09:44 -0700
From: orca.es.com!cnn.sim.es.com!msanders.sim.es.com!user@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <CIpCrE.2xr@world.std.com>, <1993Dec27.180208.5380@es.dupont.com>,
<CIpxAt.Bq@avalon.chinalake.navy.mil>ca.es.co
Subject : Re: UK scanner listeners arrested; called "hams"

In article <CIpxAt.Bq@avalon.chinalake.navy.mil>, erik@avalon (Erik van
bronkhorst) wrote:

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> Agreed about the police methods, but who is going to take
> seriously a report about aliens? I remember as a child
> police talking about Santa Claus sitings over their
> radios but I didn't buy it.

> --
> Erik KC6UUT DoD/#4342585443 AMA/#438054

Apparently, Englishmen will flock to unusual "sights". Reminds me of an
experience told me by a good friend: he was a diplomat in Russia (Air
Attache at the US Embassy) and would see people flocking to get at the end
of a long line. He went to the end of one line as asked why everyone was
lined up? The answer: "This is a long line, there must be something good
at the front!" This is a true story.

I would guess that the English who were scanning the police frequencies
were very much used to hearing very factual data and did not even think
that false information, outlandish as it was, would ever be broadcast over
an official police band by the official police. This might be a good test
here in the US to see who might be attracted by such an announcement <HI>

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BTW Erik, is you AMA # Academy of Model Aeronautics?

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America

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